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RECRUITMENT IN RPF THROUGH LOCAL AGENCIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to conduct recruitment for the R.P.F. through local agencies instead of R.R.B`s;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the recruitment to the Grade `D` posts is also proposed to be made on the said lines;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): The Recruitment to Railway Protection Force (RPF) shall be conducted by the officers of the R.P.F. Department, instead of through the Railway Recruitment Boards. The change has been made in the method of recruitment and the statutory Railway Protection Force Rules, 1987 have been amended incorporating the change. The change is only reverting back to the practice, which was prevailing till 2002. Upto 2002, the recruitment to RPF was made by the RPF Department itself in accordance with the RPF Rules. This is also the method envisaged in the report submitted by the National Police Commission in 1980. This change over will not involve any significant change in the selection procedure. Reverting back to the old system has been decided to save time for speedy and expeditious recruitment.

(c), (d) & (e): The recruitment to Group `D` posts presently being done through Railway Recruitment Boards is also under review.